

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, applicants appreciate the courtesy extended to applicants' counsel in an interview on December 1, 2003. As discussed in the interview, claim 1 has now been amended to recite that the right start sector, etc. is determined based only on the detected phase of the vibration, which excludes the amplitude. As discussed previously, Ohmi derives a correction signal based on amplitude data as well as phase data (Amendment B, page 11). Accordingly, the rejections based on Ohmi are traversed, and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

As another preliminary matter, the examiner suggests that claims 3-6 be withdrawn because they are directed to a non-elected species. However, these claims are dependent on independent claim 1, and should be allowed when claim 1 is allowed.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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